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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OPERATION IN SOMALIA II

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 24 September 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. At its 44th and 46th meetings, on 19 and 22 December 1993, the Fifth Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia (A/C.5/48/40) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/48/777). Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/48/SR.44 and 46).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.5/48/L.23

3. At the 46th meeting, on 22 December, the representative of Japan introduced a draft decision entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II" (A/C.5/48/L.23).

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/48/L.23 without a vote (see para. 5).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II

The General Assembly, in accordance with the framework set out in its resolution 48/227 of 23 December 1993, having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of seventeen peace-keeping operations 1/ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/ and concurring with the observations of the Advisory Committee:

(a) Decides, on an exceptional basis, to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into total commitments up to the amount of 302,869,200 United States dollars gross (300 million dollars net), inclusive of the authorization provided under General Assembly resolution 47/41 C of 14 September 1993, for the United Nations Operation in Somalia II for the period from 1 November 1993 to 28 February 1994;

(b) Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion at this time the amount of 126,195,500 dollars gross (125 million dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and 48/223 A of 23 December 1993, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994 as set out in Assembly resolution 46/221 A of 20 December 1991 and decisions 47/456 of 23 December 1992 and 48/___ of 23 December 1993;*

(c) Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph (b) above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,195,500 dollars for the period from 1 November 1993 to 28 February 1994;

(d) Decides that, in view of the expiration of the commitment authority on 28 February 1994, priority should be given to the cost estimate of this operation in the consideration by the General Assembly of peace-keeping budgets.

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* See A/48/807/Add.1, para. 7.

1/ A/C.5/48/40.

2/ A/48/777 and A/48/778.